

EPSTEIN & GERKEN 1901 Research Boulevard Suite 340 Rockville, Maryland 20850-3164 (301) 610-7634

Rece Jan Mul

Atty Docket No.: 1819.110

In re the PATENT application of

T.L. Ritzdorf et al

Examiner: Leader

Serial No.:

09/880,715

Group Art Unit: 2823

Filed:

June 12, 2001

For:

Method for Filling Recessed Micro-Structures with Metallization in the Production

of a Microelectronic Device

MAIL STOP: RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the subject patent application:

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114; Petition for Extension of Time for Five Months; Submission - Information Disclosure Statement including Form 1449 and copies of five (5) U.S. patents; and Credit Authorization Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$3,080.00 for payment of the RCE filing fee (\$790.00), processing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) (\$130.00) and Petition for Extension of Time fee (\$2,160.00).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee due with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-2449.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Epstein

Registration No. 24,353

Hand-delivered: 1/28/05